

Wednesday, April 29, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 9 Sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Nine bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2000–2008, S.J. Res. 46, S. Res. 219, and S. Con. Res. 92.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 633, to amend the Petroglyph National Monument Establishment Act of 1990 to adjust the boundary of the monument, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–176)

S. 1069, entitled the “National Discovery Trails Act of 1997.”, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–177)

S. 1132, to modify the boundaries of the Banderliel National Monument to include the lands within the headwaters of the Upper Alamo Watershed which drain into the Monument and which are not currently within the jurisdiction of a federal land management agency, to authorize purchase or donation of those lands, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105–178)

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Measures Passed:

Printing Authority: Senate agreed to S. Res. 219, to authorize printing of the minutes of the Senate Republican and Democratic Party Conferences.

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50th Anniversary of Israel: Senate passed H.J. Res. 102, expressing the sense of the Congress on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel and reaffirming the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States and Israel, clearing the measure for the President.

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Treaty Considered: Senate continued consideration of the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on Accession of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, with a resolution of ratification containing seven declarations and four conditions, tak-

ing action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 108), Smith (New Hampshire)/Hutchison Amendment No. 2314, to express a condition requiring full cooperation from Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic with United States efforts to obtain the fullest possible accounting of captured and missing United States personnel from past military conflicts or Cold War incidents.

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Smith (of Oregon) (for Helms/Biden), Amendment No. 2319, to endorse the Partnership for Peace program and its objectives, to require a report setting forth the strategic rationale for NATO, to include provisions regarding payments owed by European countries to victims of the Nazis, to require reports on the future enlargement of NATO, and to require reports on the progress of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic in satisfying the security requirements for membership in NATO.

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Rejected:

By 37 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 109), Hutchison Amendment No. 2317, to establish a formal process within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization for the resolution of disputes among members and between members and non-members.

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Pending:

Craig Amendment No. 2316, to condition United States ratification of the protocols on specific statutory authorization for the continued deployment of United States Armed Forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina as part of the NATO mission.

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Ashcroft Amendment No. 2318, to require a Presidential certification that NATO is and will remain a defensive military alliance.

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Conrad/Bingaman Amendment No. 2320, to express the sense of the Senate regarding discussions with Russia on tactical nuclear weapons, increased

transparency about tactical nuclear weapons, data exchange, increased warhead security, and facilitation of weapons dismantlement. **Pages S3802-04**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the Treaty and certain amendments to be proposed thereto.

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Appointments:

Air Force Academy Board of Visitors: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), appointed Senator Hollings, from the Committee on Appropriations, and Senator Cleland, At Large, to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy. **Pages S3797-98**

Military Academy Board of Visitors: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), appointed Senator Reed, At Large, to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy. **Pages S3797-98**

Naval Academy Board of Visitors: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), appointed Senator Mikulski, from the Committee on Appropriations, and Senator Sarbanes, At Large, to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy. **Pages S3797-98**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael Craig Lemmon, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia.

Rudolf Vilem Perina, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova.

Lynette Norton, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Jeffrey G. Stark, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of Chief of the Air Force Reserve, United States Air Force.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps. **Pages S3804-08**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—109) **Pages S3740, S3769**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:52 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Thursday, April 30, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3800.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1260, to limit the conduct of securities class actions under State law by setting national standards for stocks that are traded on the national markets, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1900, to establish a commission to examine issues pertaining to the disposition of Holocaust-era assets in the United States before, during, and after World War II, and to make recommendations to the President on further action; and

The nomination of Donna Tanoue, of Hawaii, to be a Member and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

IRS

Committee on Finance: Committee continued oversight hearings on the operation of the Internal Revenue Service, focusing on ethics and allegations of abuses and improper conduct by high-level agency officials, receiving testimony from William A. Moncrief, Jr., Moncrief Oil Company, Fort Worth, Texas; Richard Gardner, Gardner's Tax Service, Inc., Tulsa, Oklahoma; Leroy W. Warren, Jr., National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Washington, D.C.; David Burnham and Susan B. Long, both of Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, on behalf of the Transitional Records Access Clearinghouse; and John Colaprete, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of William A. Fletcher, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Chester J. Straub, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, William P. Dimitrouleas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Stephen P. Mickel, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida,